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LR 14

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. Yes, Mr. Chair,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...I'd like to take the bill up.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes. Senator Schimek, to open on your motion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, and I want to be very clear about this at the beginning. I don't intend to leave this motion up on the table. I wanted to have a discussion on LR 14CA before we have a vote to move it on. I'm going to be also up front with you and tell you I'm not going to support moving it forward. That doesn't mean that I don't think the bill has merit. I am concerned about the Chambers amendment that we adopted last week and I would like to see it taken off. But Senator Schrock and I have visited about this issue and I have suggested that maybe what we should do, if it advances on to Final Reading, which I think it probably will, that we should leave it there for the rest of the year. Senator Schrock could come back next year and introduce some enabling legislation that would talk about not only whether this would be a political party match or not but also talk about what...when we would select this Lieutenant Governor and how we would select this Lieutenant Governor, put some...put some parameters around this issue. So my intention here is just to stop this bill for a minute and say that I think we need to think very, very hard about whether we want to take that party match out of the mix or not and say that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor have to be of the same party. That is something that the voters did enact not that many years ago. They said that they wanted a Governor and Lieutenant Governor to be of the same party because of problems that we had had in our recent past. And, with that, I don't really intend to speak any more on this issue unless...unless something is raised that I think needs to be addressed or unless somebody asks me questions. But I wanted the opportunity to talk about the issue and the opportunity for anybody else to respond in the same vein. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Senator Schrock, to speak to the Schimek amendment.